

A community news publication of the Arlington Police Department

Arlington Thanks Theron Bowman for 29 Years of Service



On October 26, the community thanked Dr. Theron Bowman for 29 years of law enforcement service in Arlington, including 13 years as Police Chief.

Last month, Theron Bowman became the Deputy City Manager for Neighborhood Services, which includes strategic oversight of the Police Department, Fire, Community Services, Libraries and Parks.

On Oct. 26, the Arlington Police Department joined citizen volunteer groups from across the city, including business leaders for a reception at Cowboys Stadium to honor Bowman. Mayor Robert Cluck, City Manager Trey Yelverton, elected officials, school officials, federal law enforcement officials and officers from neighboring cities also attended. Members of Bowman's family, including his 104-year-old grandmother, were special guests.

The event was sponsored by a number of organizations, including the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, Arlington Police Association, the African American Peace Officers Association of Arlington and the Hispanic Citizens Police Academy.

Bowman said the support of so many people from within the Police Department and throughout the city has given him the "thrust to work even harder on the community's behalf."

"It is with great pride that I leave a legacy of inclusiveness that served to make everyone feel like an integral part of the Arlington community," he said. "Internally, I worked to ensure that every employee understood the essence of legitimacy and their commitment to providing the highest



The Arlington community gathered in the Founders Club at Cowboys Stadium to honor Dr. Theron Bowman's legacy of policing.

level of services to our citizens."

Bowman began his law enforcement career with the APD in 1983 upon graduation from UT Arlington. He started out in Narcotics and spent time on Patrol, in Personnel Recruiting and Community Affairs before promoting to Sergeant, Lieutenant and Deputy Chief. In March 1999, he was appointed Police Chief.

Throughout his tenure, the department has upheld the highest standards in policing and accountability as validated by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

Following congratulatory remarks and gift presentations during the reception, Interim Police Chief Will Johnson told Bowman, "It has been a privilege to stand in the gap with you and serve this community."

Thank You, Dr. Theron Bowman

What's Going On ...

The 10th Annual Joey Cushman 5K Run is **Saturday, Nov. 3** at River Legacy Park, benefitting Special Olympics Texas. Pre-Race Warm Up starts at 7:30 a.m. Fun Run starts at 8:30 and 5K at 9 a.m.

A community fundraiser for the construction of a memorial to honor Arlington Police and Fire K-9 is **Noon Saturday, Nov. 3** at the Animal Services Center. Events, silent auction, and more!

Daylight Savings Time ends **Nov. 4**.

Election Day is **Tuesday, Nov. 6**.

Community Conversations continue this month, sponsored by the Arlington Clergy and Police Partnership (ACAPP), offering open dialogue about your city.

November dates and locations:

5 p.m. 11-1 - CAFÉ Church

6 p.m. 11-7 - North Davis Church

7:30 p.m. 11-13 - Renewed Life Church

7:30 p.m. 11-28 - DFW Islamic Center

Call 817-459-5589 for more details.

ACAPP Class #5 will graduate at 6:30 p.m. **Thursday, Nov. 8** at City Hall.

The Embassy Court Meet and Greet Block Party is **November 17**.



Thursday, November 22

The Arlington Police Department wishes you and your family a safe

Congratulations! The new Park Place Community Watch will meet Nov. 29.

On Call in the North District

Inside North District Day Care Centers, Children Learn the ABC's of Safety

Keeping our children safe involves teaching them the ABC's of safety, including stranger danger.

Last month, the Arlington Police Department was welcomed into two North District area child care centers to speak with children about safety.

I reminded children to never climb into a stranger's vehicle or enter their home, no matter what they offer or what they might say.

My pal, McGruff, joined me to reinforce these important messages.

Children were reminded to listen to their teachers and parents and work hard in school.



Did you know?

Every year in the U.S., more than 1 million children are abducted and abused.

Stranger Danger Tip for Parents:
Always know where your child is and who they are with.



During our conversations about careers, some said they wanted to be super heroes and princesses when they grow up. Others told me they would become veterinarians and police officers. At the schools, we parked an APD patrol car and allowed students to ask questions about police work. At the conclusions of our visits, I deputized the participants and gave them each a PAL sticker and told them they were now police helpers in spreading the word about safety and NEVER leaving with strangers. Talk to your child. Contact me for a few conversation starters.

Each month in On Call, watch for more public safety highlights from the North District. Contact APD North District Crime Prevention Officer Kimberly Fretwell at 817-459-5589 or Kim.Fretwell@Arlingtontx.gov.



On Call in the South District

Students in After-School Program Make Learning about Safety Fun

Students in the South District know how to have fun while studying safety and crime prevention after school.

The Ferguson Junior High students of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers had a great time during a recent after-school program that included the Arlington Police Department. On Oct. 22, I joined McGruff to talk with students about bullying, personal safety and how to recognize suspicious activity.

The program included a question and answer session and role-playing scenarios. The evening was topped off with two spectacular performances by the Seguin High School Starstepper Dance team who also participated in the scenarios.

Youth participants and their parents enjoyed this interactive learning experience and we look forward to more partnership opportunities. Kuddos to Site Supervisor Rhonda Collier for your leadership!



Thank you! The Seguin High School StarStepper Dance Team participated in this after school program that made safety and crime prevention fun and entertaining!

Making a difference!

In Arlington, 21st Century Community Learning Centers provide great academic enrichment opportunities for youth during non-school hours.



New crime prevention highlights every month from the South District! Contact APD Crime Prevention Officer Jakisha Jones at 817-459-6468 or Jakisha.Jones@Arlingtontx.gov for more information.

On Call in the East District

Festival Celebrates Asian American Culture, Wealth and Good Health!



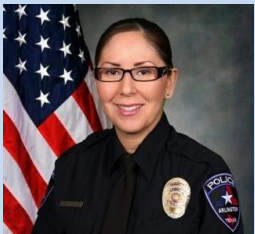
The Tarrant County Asian American Chamber of Commerce held its 17th Annual Asian Arts Egg Roll Festival and Health Fair in the east district at the Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church on Saturday, Oct. 6. The main purpose is to help celebrate the Asian American culture in Arlington and throughout North Texas.

The TCAA Chamber of Commerce worked hard to make this event a success. Entertainment featured ethnic dance from various Asian cultures and the community enjoyed music and martial arts demonstrations throughout the day.

Healthcare was also an important part of this festival, offering pre-screenings and free flu shots. Small business owners were able to market their services to the community they serve.

Arlington City Council members along with Assistant Police Chief James Hawthorne, East District Deputy Chief Os Flores and East Patrol Officer Bau Tran joined the celebration along with A.I.S. D. Interim Superintendent Dr. Marcelo Cavazos and many from his staff.

What a great way to celebrate culture and grow stronger relationships in the communities we serve!



Every month, watch for a new Crime Prevention highlight from the East District. For more information, contact Crime Prevention Officer Faviola Delgado at 817-459-5817 or Faviola.Delgado@ArlingtonTx.gov.

On Call in the West District

Good Police Work and Citizen Engagement Put Wallet Thieves Behind Bars

During a one month period, the Arlington Police Department received approximately 20 reports involving three suspects who were accused of stealing wallets from purses left in grocery store carts. The victims were women over the age of 50. A couple of the stores were repeatedly targeted.

After the wallets were taken, stolen credit cards were used at local gas stations, convenience stores and retail centers to purchase gas, gift cards and other merchandise. Two of the suspects entered the grocery store while a third waited in a car.

Nine of these wallet theft offenses occurred in the West District and four in the North District. Detectives immediately began working the cases. They were able to obtain store video that helped to positively identify a vehicle. Surveillance video from several of the locations provided images of the suspects. Crime analysts quickly began analyzing data.

A news media release was distributed by the APD Media Office to solicit the public's help in identifying the suspects from surveillance video. APD used Facebook, Twitter and Nixle to engage the public in the search for these suspects and this public response generated multiple Crime Stoppers tips that led to three arrests last week.

In a commendation written by Sgt. Kyle Dishko, supervisor of the West District Criminal Investigations Unit, *"This incident demonstrates the capability of our officers to work as a team and the importance of networking with internal and external resources to resolve crime issues."* He also wrote: *"The quality of work demonstrated by all personnel illustrates an exceptional mastery of respective professional skills."*

Thanks to all officers, detectives, crime analysts and Media Office for your work on this case! A special thanks to our citizens who partner in our efforts to keep Arlington safe. Join the conversations. Connect with APD on social media!



New crime prevention highlights each month from the West District. For more information, contact West District Crime Prevention Officer Doug Glotfelty at 817-459-6072 or Doug.Glotfelty@Arlingtontx.gov.

Continuously Providing Excellent Services to Victims of Crime

Arlington's Victim Services Unit Earns More Recognition in the International Spotlight

For continuously striving to implement innovative strategies for providing comprehensive services to victims of crimes, the APD Victim Services Program has earned another honor from the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The 2012 Excellence in Victim Services Award was presented Oct. 1 during the IACP 119th Annual Conference in San Diego, Calif. This is the Unit's second win in four years.

Victim Services Coordinator Derrelyn Perryman, Interim Police Chief Will Johnson and Deputy City Manager Theron Bowman accepted the honor on behalf of the team who last year served more than 11,000 victims of violent crime.

"This award says that our unit and the Arlington Police Department are committed to providing the best possible service to crime victims.

We believe that what we do is an essential part of responsible community policing," Perryman said.

Victim Services utilizes master's level counselors to provide crisis and follow-up services. Counselors respond on scene, meet with victims at the police station and follow up on all violent crime reports to assess the needs of their clients. Counselors keep victims informed, connect them with important community resources and help them navigate the criminal justice system.



The Victim Services program began in 1987 with only two volunteers. In 1996, APD received a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to establish a domestic violence response team to provide on scene services to the victims of family violence. Today, this unit is comprised of a coordinator, a supervisor, six counselors and a specialist along with interns from UT-Arlington and Texas Christian University. Dozens of volunteers support the unit, working around the clock to serve about 1,100 victims a month.

The IACP is the world's oldest association of law enforcement executives with more than 20,000 members in over 100 countries.



Two APD Volunteers Earn City Council Recognition

APD Volunteers Linda Graves and Richard Stewart were recognized last month by the Arlington City Council for their outstanding contributions to the Arlington Police Department and the community. Graves has logged more than 659 hours as a volunteer administrator and Stewart has 536 hours as a Citizen on Patrol member in the South District. Acting Police Chief Will Johnson joined the honorees, thanking all volunteers for their commitment to serving and making a difference.

Thank you!

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!



The Arlington Police Department Traffic Unit is teaming up with the Public Works and Transportation Department to coordinate traffic safety for thousands of motorists expected to visit Interlochen, one of North Texas's most popular holiday lights tourist attractions. Interlochen is 11 days of holiday-themed light displays, beginning Dec. 14 through Christmas Day. This year, expect to see more signage to help you safely navigate your way and enjoy the lights. Before you go! Download this [Interlochen Holiday Traffic Map](#).

On Call

Published monthly by the APD Community Support Bureau - Office of Communication

Editor, Cheryel Carpenter

817-459-5384 or PDOOC@Arlingtontx.gov

www.ArlingtonPD.org

